

40 Days of Prayer:
for our Worship Life at Genesis UMC

Week 1- Our Worship is Grounded in Prayer					Scripture Reading: Philippians 4: 6-7	
<u>Fridays (green)</u> Prayer @9am Facebook Live <u>Mondays (yellow)</u> Dreamin' & Scheming' Zoom@7pm <u>August 1st (red)</u> Modern Worship @6:30pm			July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17
			Today's Focus: Dedicate the next 40 days to God and this prayer emphasis.	Today's Focus: When, Where, How will you pray the next 40 days?	Today's Focus: Pray for open spirit, eyes, and ears during this 40 days.	Today's Focus: Ask God to speak to you and others and move in our midst.
Week 2- Our Worship is Joy Overflowing					Scripture Reading: Psalm 98	
July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24
Today's Focus: Give thanks for the chance to worship with God's people	Today's Focus: What brings out your joy in the Lord? Give thanks for those things or people.	Today's Focus: Use a song to enjoy a moment of worship where you are	Today's Focus: Pray for those who have been hurt by a church or church-goers.	Today's Focus: Pray for those who grieve and are troubled in spirit, those who struggle to worship.	Today's Focus: Pray for those who feel unwelcome or unaccepted in places of worship.	Today's Focus: Ask God to prepare your heart for worship & bring joy to God's people.
Week 3- Our Worship Builds the Body of Christ					Scripture Reading: Romans 12: 1-8	
July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31
Today's Focus: Give thanks for the friends you have made at church.	Today's Focus: What gifts do you see shared in worship? What gifts do you offer? Pray those gifts will be multiplied.	Today's Focus: Pray for those who have gifts to offer, but have not shared them yet.	Today's Focus: Pray for those who need a safe space to grow in their faith and express their gifts with courage.	Today's Focus: Pray for future possibilities for worship to involve more people and their gifts.	Today's Focus: Ask God to free you of doubt, fear, distractions, and selfishness when it comes to worship.	Today's Focus: Ask God to bless all worship leaders and preachers getting ready for Sunday.

Week 3- Our Worship Grows God's Kingdom					Scripture Reading- Ephesians 3: 14-21	
August 1 Today's Focus: Give thanks for the fresh and unexpected times that you have worshipped God outside of church walls.	August 2 Today's Focus: Pray for those returning for the first time to worship. Ask the Holy Spirit to draw people to His Kingdom.	August 3 Today's Focus: Pray for those who live on your street or in your building. Pray that they have a faith community or will find one.	August 4 Today's Focus: Pray for God to fill our worship spaces that remain empty: Chapel, Great Hall, Youth and Children Assembly rooms.	August 5 Today's Focus: Pray for those who worship and will continue to worship online. Pray for our digital ministry as a church.	August 6 Today's Focus: Pray for ways that we keep God's kingdom from growing. Pray for a vision of the Kingdom growing through Genesis.	August 7 Today's Focus: Ask God to plant seeds for His Kingdom that will grow beyond these 40 days of Prayer.
Week 4- Our Worship is a Witness to New Generations					Scripture Reading- Deuteronomy 6	
August 8 Today's Focus: Give thanks for any young people and their families in worship today.	August 9 Today's Focus: Pray for the households around Genesis, both homes and apartments.	August 10 Today's Focus: Pray for our ministries as a church to families with children and youth.	August 11 Today's Focus: Pray for all those children, families, and staff who are starting school this week and next.	August 12 Today's Focus: Pray for young adults starting college, especially here in town at TCU, TCC, and Tarleton State campuses.	August 13 Today's Focus: Pray for our Weekday Christian Preschool- the children, families, and staff.	August 14 Today's Focus: Ask God to give you child-like faith and wonder at all God is doing in your life and the world today.
Week 5- Our Worship Welcomes the Stranger					Scripture Reading- Luke 14:15-24	
August 15 Today's Focus: Give thanks for those who welcomed you, called you by name, and shared Jesus with you.	August 16 Today's Focus: Pray for all the new people that moved to our area this summer. Ask God for opportunities to meet them.	August 17 Today's Focus: Pray for those who come through our church doors from the community.	August 18 Today's Focus: Pray for those who do not speak English as their first language, but now call this their home.	August 19 Today's Focus: Pray for people who don't have stable or safe living situations who might be homeless or in transition.	August 20 Today's Focus: Pray for those who do shift work especially those who work at night and can't attend worship on Sunday morning.	August 21 Today's Focus: Ask God to prepare us to welcome strangers to worship and help them feel at home.
<p>August 22- <i>Loving and Glorious God, you who are the focus and inspiration of our worship, give us a united vision about what's next in our worship life as a church so that our worship will build the Body of Christ, grow Your Kingdom, witness to young people, and welcome strangers. May the Holy Spirit move us to the next step of decision and action, grounded in prayer and fueled by joy. In Jesus' name, Amen.</i></p>						